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LETTER DATED 8 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 27 September to 3 October 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of reconnaissance and provocation and the dropping of heat flares.

27 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, Jabayish, Rifa'i and Shatrah.

28 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 5 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

29 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih and Busayyah.

30 September 1993

(a) Northern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Ayn Zalah, Aqrah and Dukan.

(b) Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Sukkar, Saman, Jalibah, Busayyah, Artawi and Suq al-Shuyukh.

1 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 1 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-10,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Salman, Jabayish and Busayyah.

- At 1255 hours on 1 October 1993, Iraqi airspace was violated by a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 2,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih and Amarah. It returned at 1520 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

2 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 31 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,500 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Artawi and Busayyah.

3 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,500-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Dukan lake.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Ushbayjah, Salman, Basra, Qurnah, Lisf, Artawi and Jalibah.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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